

Anita and my late mother had a special and loving relationship, as she did with my two sons. I've been fortunate enough to speak with her several times over the last few weeks before her passing, and it brings me comfort that she was able to spend her final days with her sister and family in Louisiana, surrounded by those who loved her. I know that because of her deep faith, she was ready to be called home to her maker. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones during this difficult time. She will be truly missed.

Ms. Williams will be remembered as a fierce advocate and a true force for good. Today, I recognize and celebrate her beautiful life. May she rest in peace and power.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GPS EDUCATION PARTNERS

HON. GLENN GROTHMAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, GPS Education Partners (GPSEd) is a nonprofit organization that carries out innovative advancements in the development and work readiness of our next-generation workforce. The program has served Wisconsinites for 23 years, graduating over 1,100 students, 35 percent of which have either a cognitive or physical disability. The program prides itself on achieving a 97 percent graduation rate with students obtaining accolades such as industry-recognized certifications to students' pursuing full-time or part-time post-secondary education paths.

GPSEd partners with 200 students each school year serving both first-year juniors and second-year seniors. The program discovered that high school students found difficulty in connecting their education to an attainable career. As the gap for skilled workers continues to expand, GPSEd encourages the pursuance of technical careers within various industries. Bridging efforts between educators, communities, and businesses fuses the change that GPSEd strives for.

Through the utilization of an accelerated program, GPSEd is able to properly prepare students for technical careers in a more efficient and effective manner compared to traditional pathways. Each student is given a specialized, unique solution that enables them to become their own emergent leaders at the conclusion of the program. Effective employer engagement practices have assisted in the expansion of employer involvement within GPSEd's programs. Due to a lack of exposure and quality training, nearly 94 percent of students are uninterested in skilled trades. However, 85 percent of the students enrolled in GPSEd pursue technical careers following their exposure to work based learning.

It is encouraging to see organizations such as GPSEd educating our youth to the ample amount of opportunities the career and technical field can provide. Too often, students find themselves pressured into seeking four-year college degrees. It is time to reaffirm students that job training programs, apprenticeships, and career and technical education are fields that are at a high demand with employers eager to fill positions. I want to extend my gratitude to GPSEd for carrying out this important mission.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STATE SENATOR RONALD RICE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to New Jersey State Senator Ronald Rice after his passing on March 15, 2022. State Senator Rice was one of the most dedicated distinguished public servants in my district and a tireless fighter for civil rights throughout my district. State Senator Rice spent most of his life serving the people of New Jersey's 28th District and his country. He was the longest-serving Black legislator in our state's history.

State Senator Rice graduated from Malcolm X. Shabazz High School in Newark and later joined the Marine Corps. He spent four years in the Marine Corps, including two years in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. When his service was completed, he retired with the rank of Sergeant and earned Presidential and Navy Unit Citations. Then State Senator Rice spent eight years as a police detective, four years as Newark's Deputy Mayor, and served on the Newark City Council. During this time, Rice earned an associate's degree in police science at Essex County Community College, a bachelor's degree at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, and his master's degree at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Criminal Justice. Rice worked for Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) as a member of the safety and security team until he was elected to the New Jersey State Senate.

Rice spent more than 35 years as a State Senator. He was known for his strong support and advocacy for social justice and civil rights. State Senator Rice has sponsored legislation in the areas of criminal justice, healthcare, affordable housing, tenant rights, employee rights and education. Recently, he had a street and sports complex named in his honor in my district to commemorate his legacy. Both honors are well deserved. I congratulate State Senator Rice on his tremendous career as a public servant and I know his work for Newark and the people of New Jersey will be missed.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating his life of public service and extend deepest condolences to his children, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and all his family and friends.

REMEMBERING U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLTON "SHADY" SCHELHORN

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the life and service of my friend, Virginia native, and United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Carlton "Shady" Schelhorn. Colonel Schelhorn, who for 23 years dedicated his life to protecting our country's freedom, is being interred today at Arlington National Cemetery.

The late grandfather of a member of my staff and teammate, Ryland Bennett, Colonel Schelhorn was a loving parent, friend, and inspiration to many. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and proud advocate of those willing to sacrifice everything for the sanctity of our nation, I am deeply honored to include in the RECORD this hero's obituary.

[From the Richmond Times-Dispatch]

CARLTON "SHADY" SCHELHORN, LTC., 1931–2022

LTC Carlton "Shady" Schelhorn of Mechanicsville, formerly of Alexandria, passed away on December 14, 2022.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Pat; children, Chip Schelhorn (Julie), Lynn Michaux (Jody), Cathy D'Antuono (Steve) and Nancy Bennett (Mark); nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Shady was a 1955 University of Virginia graduate, where he played football and was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for 23 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Known for his incredible sense of humor and charm, Shady never met a stranger. He was always the loudest voice in the room, an excellent dancer and fond of martinis. His family was his greatest pride and joy; "G-Dad" was adored in return.

Some of his favorite pastimes included golfing, especially with the Over-The-Hill Hoos, spending winters in Marco Island, Florida and lately watching "Grit" TV.

COMMEMORATING JOSEPH P. BERKEY'S SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joseph P. Berkey, a resident of Grosse Ile, Michigan who has served his Nation and community admirably over the last 100 years. His dedication to duty and mentorship of our youth is worthy of commendation.

Joe was born on March 15, 1923 in the former Yugoslavia. Shortly afterwards, his father took his family and immigrated to Canada before eventually settling down in the Delray neighborhood of Detroit. Shortly after his 18th birthday, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He completed Boot Camp in San Diego where he earned the Navy Good Conduct Medal and was subsequently assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Wasp (CV-7) working on the ship's engines. In September of 1942, while serving as part of a task force supporting the invasion of Guadalcanal, the Wasp was hit with three torpedoes by a Japanese submarine. Seaman Berkey along with 1945 of a total crew of 2,400 were rescued and later that day the Wasp was scuttled due to severe damage beyond repair. In his five years of service, Joe served in Africa, Malta, the Middle East, and Asia.

After discharge, Joe took full advantage of the G.I. Bill, attending both Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University and earning a Bachelors in Science. Joe spent the next 30 plus years teaching at various elementary and middle schools throughout Detroit. His greatest accomplishment was that he